

Reteaching Activity

Reading Comprehension Find the missing word or phrase that best completes each of the sentences below. Write your answers in the blank.

The area of (1) _____ grew rich from taxing the traders who passed through their territory. Around A.D. 800, this area became an empire. By the end of the 11th century, this empire declined, and by 1235 the kingdom of

(2) _____ emerged. This kingdom's first great leader was named (3) _____; he promoted agriculture and reestablished the gold-salt trade. Around 1400, this kingdom declined and was replaced by the empire of (4) _____. In 1591, a (5) _____ army with cannons invaded this empire and defeated it, ending 1,000 years of empires in West Africa.

Trade is as important to West Africa today as it was in the past.

(6) _____ economy relies primarily on the export of gold, diamonds, magnesia, and bauxite to the industrialized world. This country has a per capita income of \$1,900, the highest in West Africa. The worst economic conditions in West Africa lie in (7) _____, which once produced some of the world's highest-quality diamonds.

West Africa is filled with hundreds of different cultures and peoples. The (8) _____, who live in what is now Ghana, are known for their work in weaving colorful (9) _____—what Westerners usually call *kente* cloth. In many parts of Africa, people govern themselves according to family lineage, rather than an elected government or a monarch. A (10) _____ is one in which people use lineages to govern themselves. West African music includes a wide variety of drums and other instruments such as a (11) _____, a cross between a harp and a lute.